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Gooderham man pleads guilty in Head Lake goose flap

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

A Gooderham man who says he was simply following the municipality of Dysart's instructions pleaded guilty to illegally removing Canada Geese from Head Lake last spring.

In Minden court Wednesday, Bradley MacDuff was sentenced to 18 months probation and 50 hours community service for taking four adult geese and three goslings from Rotary Beach Park on May 9, 1995 without the proper permit.

In addition, he was banned from holding an avicultural licence — which would allow him to keep migratory birds — for the next two years.

Judge T.C. Whetung rejected a request by crown attorney Bruce Glass to fine MacDuff \$500 for his infraction.

"But it's not fair. Why are they using me as the guinea pig?" a shocked MacDuff asked as he left the courtroom to meet with a probation officer.

MacDuff, who was represented by Irondale lay preacher John Clarke, readily admitted he took the seven geese from Head Lake in the spring and was keeping them in an enclosure at his farm.

However, he testified he removed the birds at the request of Dysart officials, who were eager to find a solution to what they viewed as "a major goose problem" at Head Lake.

He told the court he believed his avicultural licence allowed him to take the birds.

Not only did Dysart clerk Donna McCallum ask him "to do something with the geese," said MacDuff, but Dysart council's deputy-reeve, Bill Davis, and Jim Elstone, who holds the contract to maintain the park, even offered to pay him "\$3 to \$4 a head to collect the geese."

MacDuff said he did not accept any money from the municipality for the seven geese he took from Head Lake last May.

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It's Back!

Winterfest returns to Haliburton Village this weekend and it seems like the weather is going to co-operate. These pictures from last year's event on Head Lake show all the fun that's in store with this celebration of winter, but they don't tell you how frigidly cold it was. Environment Canada says the cold snap which has been gripping the Highlands should blow over by mid-week clearing the way for perfect snowmobiling conditions. See our special supplement for details.

Trustees to decide fate of Jr. Kindergarten

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

Haliburton trustees plan to decide this month whether to eliminate Junior Kindergarten from the county's schools or continue the program at a cost of more than \$100,000 per year.

The province has changed legislation, giving boards the option to choose for themselves to offer JK classes.

At the same time, it has said it will reduce the amount of funding it offers those boards that continue to run the program.

Right now Haliburton's board actually makes money by offering JK at its four smallest schools.

The province gave the board a grant of about \$90,000 to help fund JK classes at its schools in Dorset, Gooderham, Cardiff and

Wilberforce for the current school year.

By adding junior kindergarten students into existing kindergarten classes, the board has had to hire just one half-time teacher at a cost of about \$25,000.

As well, the board has not had to increase the number of buses it contracts to accommodate the additional JK students.

That means the board's JK program produces a revenue of approximately \$65,000 at the present grant level.

But if the board were to begin JK in Minden at Archie Stouffer Elementary School and the future Stuart Baker Elementary School in Haliburton in September 1997 as planned, it estimates it would see its revenue turn into an annual cost of about \$117,000, according to a

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Dorset "moved" to Muskoka riding without consultation

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

People in Sherborne are "livid" about being made part of a Muskoka federal riding without any public consultation.

"I find the whole thing incredible," says Sherborne et al reeve Ross Rabjohn, who first found out his area was no longer in the Victoria/Haliburton riding in an article in the Huntsville Forester. "Why didn't they consult with us? I find it strange no one has approached the people involved. They don't seem to think we exist at all."

The decision was made by the Electoral Boundaries Commission, says Victoria/Haliburton MP John O'Reilly. The commission was appointed by the Mulroney government. "We tried to shut it down but we couldn't get our bill past (the Conservative-majority) Senate."

O'Reilly says he had nothing to do with the decision, and that he had told Sherborne about the proposal at a town hall meeting in Dorset last February.

That's not what Rabjohn calls consultation. "One statement was made in an afternoon that dealt with all sorts of different

issues," the reeve says. "O'Reilly said it was something being considered so I spoke up and asked would they get in touch with council. Nothing happened. We have been waiting for a formal letter to come through. I thought they'd be in touch with us, but off they went and did it..."

"If I hadn't happened to attend (the February '95 meeting), I wouldn't have had an inkling it was even being suggested."

O'Reilly says two other areas which were targeted for a switch fought against the pro-

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What to do when a bird flies into window

Ar reader spotted this in the Toronto Star on Saturday: J. Lewis-John of Haliburton won the prize for the Reader Exchange column by offering this advice on how to revive birds which hit a window. "Pick up the bird and put in a shoe-size box with air holes and a lid. Bring box indoors and put in a cool, dark spot for about half an hour, more or less, sometimes 10 minutes. When the bird has recovered, take the box outside and open the top and the bird will fly away. I find, on a 90 percent average, the birds live."

HERE, THERE & EVERYWHERE

News about people and events in Haliburton County

Congratulations to Ev Stata who received an "Award of Excellence" from the Poetry Institute of Canada for her poem entitled "The Lilac and the Rose." The poem is about co-operation among people and it marks the second time she has been honoured by the institute, which is based in Nanaimo.

As part of the many Winterfest activities, this

Friday volunteers with Women on Snow will be taking media representatives on a quick snowmobile tour of the area. This should be good promotion for their own event next weekend. More than 200 women will converge on the Highlands for a weekend of snowmobiling — and fundraising for local and national charities.

The Canadian Red Cross Society recently became aware of a song called "Rose of No Man's Land." Apparently, this song was a theme for Red Cross Volunteers prior to and during WWII. If anyone has music, words or further information, please call Margaret Maxwell at 705-324-8960. This is the 100th anniversary of the Canadian Red Cross and the Lindsay and District branch is looking for all kinds of memorabilia to borrow for local displays.

A local family came home from a trip from Huntsville with a "ticket" from the Huntsville

Community Police. Volunteers had been checking all of the cars to make sure they were locked. As the ticket, which was stuck in their windshield, said, "Lock it or lose it." The family was commended for being a cautious car owner and they thought this might be a good idea for local police groups.

Here's a smile for the week from Echo reader Paul Charron of Toronto: After an operation, a politician woke up and saw the curtains in his hospital room were drawn. "Why are the curtains closed," he asked the nurse. "Is it my time already?" "No," the nurse replied, "but there's a fire across the street and we didn't want you to think the operation was unsuccessful."

Fans of hot guitar and world music are invited to attend the performance of Chilean-Canadian musician, Oscar Lopez on Sat., Feb. 17 at the Frost Theatre, Sir Sandford Fleming College in Lindsay. The 8 p.m. performance will be followed by a public reception. as

JK's future debated

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report presented to trustees Tuesday evening by board director Brad Saunders.

The report doesn't make any recommendations for or against offering JK, but details its projected costs.

"You could argue until the cows come home whether it's a good program or a bad program. This is strictly factual," said superintendent of business administration Jim Bradley.

Saunders said the board has three options: cancel JK entirely, cancel JK after the 1996/1997 school year (a \$10,000 cost to the board) or continue the JK implementation plan at an annual cost of about \$117,000.

Trustees on the board's various committees will discuss the report over the coming weeks with the intent of making a final decision at the Feb. 27 meeting.

Considering the expense of continuing the program, it would seem likely the board — which fought hard against running JK when it was mandated by the former NDP government — will scrap it.

But it may run into some resistance, speculated Bradley. "You're going to get the group that has had Junior Kindergarten now and they may think it's a great program."

Electoral boundaries changed

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posals and were successful in staying where they are.

"I don't think it was something that was just sprung on them," the MP says, noting that Rabjohn was interviewed about it in a July edition of the *Lindsay Post*. "We certainly warned them about it."

The decision to link Dorset with Muskoka in part stems from the fact that Muskoka provides many of the services, such as healthcare and education after Grade 6. What worries Rabjohn is the possibility that provincial boundaries will fall in line with federal ones, and would that mean Sherborne is no longer part of Haliburton County?

"If they stop (at the federal boundary change), okay — even though I think John O'Reilly represents Victoria/Haliburton and we're part of Haliburton County. Why give us away? That's not fair."

"I have a real feeling for Haliburton County. That's where we belong."

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Haliburton quickly becomes home for Australian student

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

Australian exchange student Teresa Jago has been at the Haliburton home of Kim and Mike Varty for just over two weeks, but already the trio is hitting it off like long-lost relatives rather than newly introduced strangers.

As they sit talking in the Vartys' livingroom, there are no awkward silences or hints of forced pleasantries.

Only jokes and laughter and good-natured jibes.

"It's just like family," says Kim.

Teresa, a 17-year-old from Qeunbeyan, just outside Cambera, will be staying at the Vartys and attending Haliburton Highlands Secondary School for the coming year on an exchange through the E.F. Foundation.

From her point of view, the trip gives her a chance to expand her horizons before going back home to either university or college.

Kim and Mike wanted to open up their doors to an exchange student to give someone the opportunity to see a new country and a different way of life in comfort, rather than with a pack strapped to their back.

It's also nice for their two young daughters to have an "older sister" around for a year, says Mike.

Teresa had no idea what her host family would be like until she received a letter from them about a

week before she arrived here in the middle of January. Along with the letter were some photos of Mike and Kim.

"Boy, did we have some jokes about that," laughs Teresa.

"It's a good thing that two week probationary period is still open," fires back Mike.

Teresa, who is used to temperatures that usually don't dip below about 15°C in the winter and just left Australia in the peak of summer and its 25°C to 30°C days, says Haliburton's harsh winter isn't that bad.

"It hasn't really affected me much. I like it. The snow's fun."

The local ski hills, though, are a bit more daunting.

She and the Vartys went to Sir Sam's, but Teresa chose to watch the action from the bottom of the hill: "There's trees in the middle!"

Over the coming weeks, Mike and Kim are planning to take Teresa on various sightseeing excursions locally and to Ottawa and Niagara Falls.

They're also planning to go see the Raptors play basketball and take in either the Ottawa Senators or the Toronto Maple Leafs in a hockey game.

"I want to see them slamming," says Teresa.

"That's what she calls checking," explains Kim.

In the meantime, family life around the Varty house promises to be fun.



LET IT SNOW: Snow and cold weather are new and exciting for 17-year-old Teresa Jago, who's left her home in Australia for a year so she can experience the four seasons in Canada.

Judge agrees with Whiten settlement

The following is a portion of Judge J. Matlow's endorsement of the jury's verdict in the case of Keith and Daphne Whiten of Eagle Lake, who were awarded all costs plus \$1-million in punitive damages after their insurance company, Pilot Insurance, was found guilty of acting in bad faith. The Whitens' home in Donald burnt in January, 1994.

And finally, for the sake of completeness, I record my view that the jury's assessment of punitive damages, although very high and perhaps without precedent, is not perverse but is entirely reasonable in light of all of the evidence.

There was ample evidence that the defendant continued to deny the plaintiff's claim even after Francis, its own adjuster, who had conducted a detailed investigation of the plaintiff's claim, had recommended that it be paid. From that point on, the defendant relied on a few suspicious circumstances that were later clarified adequately by the plaintiff in order to

press on with an ill-founded defence based on allegations of arson which, I believe, the jury concluded were contrived and of no real substance.

As a result, the plaintiff, who was already in poor financial condition, was required to endure the indignity of having to make temporary living arrangements without the benefit of the insurance coverage for which she had paid premiums to the defendant and, as well, she was required to resort to this litigation, including a trial which went on over the course of about two months, to secure the relief to which she was entitled.

In light of the defendant's admission that its net worth was approximately \$231 million, I cannot take issue with the jury's conclusion that a very substantial award for punitive damages was required to punish the defendant and to effectively send the implied reminder to the defendant and to other insurers that they owe their insureds a duty of good faith in responding to claims made under policies of insurance issued by them.

Snowmobiler thrown off after hitting rock

Minden OPP are investigating a snow vehicle accident that occurred at about 2:30 p.m., February 2, in the narrows between St. Noras and Kushog Lakes. Jason Paulitzki, age 22, of Orangeville, was travelling through the narrows when his snow machine struck a rock and he was thrown off.

Paulitzki was transported to the Minden Hospital with the assistance of Stanhope Fire Department and ambulance personnel. The injured man was then transported by air ambulance to the Sunnybrook Medical Centre with multiple injuries which are not considered life threatening.

Police are continuing their investigation.

Couple injured

A Gooderham couple sustained injuries in a single-car accident near Bridgenorth.

On Jan. 22, Robert and Joan Cain's pick up truck went out of control on black ice. The truck left the road-

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way and struck a tree.

The Smith Township Fire Department was on the scene to help extricate the couple, who were taken by ambulance to Peterborough Civic Hospital for treatment of non-life-threatening injuries (back, chest and leg injuries.)

No charges were laid.

Snow machine sinks

From January 21 to 29, Minden OPP investigated 72 general occurrences. Of these there were: 15 break and enters; 2 assaults; 1 theft; 14 motor vehicle accidents; 3 snowmobile accidents; 1 snowmobile through ice.

On Sunday, January 28, a snow machine driven by Chris Rausch, was lost in open water at the narrows between Big and Little Kennis Lake. The driver managed to escape with out injury.

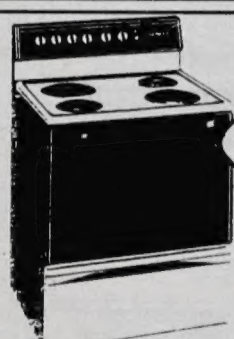
New Community Police Support Group

At the joint-county community police meeting, held in Haliburton on January 25, it was announced that Kennis Lake and area has formed a Community Police Support Committee to net in with Haliburton Community Police.

Chairperson Suzanne Thivierge is heading up a membership of 34 volunteers at present. At this time, they do not have a sub-office. People in the Kennis Lake area are encouraged to call Suzanne at 754-3006, if they wish to enlist.

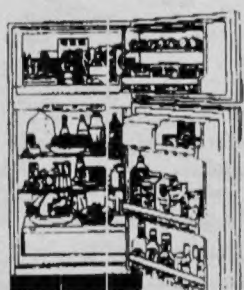
House break-in

Bancroft OPP report a break, enter and theft at a home on Hemlock Street in Cardiff last Monday. Culprit(s) entered the house and stole a Technics five CD play, JVC double cassette player and a Luger BB rifle.



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It's lights out on sleepover smoking in Glamorgan

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the January 24 meeting of Glamorgan council.

No one will be allowed to light up in the community centre kitchen any more.

Reeve Elva Bates said that when she opened the kitchen door after an overnight sleepover with the Haliburton and Gooderham Brownies, "the smell just about floored me" because of the leftover butts and smoke odor. She says if she had been a health inspector, she would have shut the place down. Health unit rules say no one is allowed to smoke in a food preparation area when food is being prepared for the public.

Some of the leaders – not the girls – had been smoking in the kitchen, and by some accounts, they smoked quite a bit.

Council support was swift and unanimous. The kitchen was declared as a smoke free zone, leading some people to comment "it's a start." Bob Winder, a regular council observer, said he'd prefer the entire hall was declared smoke-free and that signs be posted of the health dangers of second hand smoke.

In some ways, smoking was an issue when council discussed a request from the seniors club to waive the bingo licence fees. Bingo is having a tough time breaking even, and perhaps part of the reason is some people won't go because of the cigarette smoke.

Bingo licensing fees are at the maximum amount allowed: \$423 a year or 3% of gross revenue. The seniors club would like to put that money towards better prizes as a way of enhancing attendance.

It should be noted the debate took place between two councillors only: deputy-reeve Bill Challis and councillor Jean Heathcote because Bates and councillors Tom Vos and Chuck Viner are seniors club members.

Challis and Heathcote decided to defer the matter until the next council meeting so they could find out more about the rationale. As well, they are worried that if they waive the fee for bingo, they may be asked to waive it for other non-profit groups, primarily those which sell Nevada tickets. Altogether, licensing fees bring in \$900 a year.

Restructuring

There was preliminary discussion about county restructuring after Reeve Bates reported on a meeting of all county reeves earlier that day. All municipal councillors

are being invited to a county-wide meeting on Feb. 13 to discuss the options which have been thrown on the table. Communication has been stressed as a key factor in the success of any proposal.

One suggestion is to create five municipalities (instead of 10), with Glamorgan joining with Monmouth and part of Snowdon. Viner was concerned that some municipalities – such as Bicroft and Cardiff – have already begun negotiations but Challis and Bates saw it as something positive. "If municipalities don't know what they want, they'll be told," said Challis.

Viner said he hasn't heard public comment on amalgamation, but Bates said "they'll care when council does something." She spoke positively about the process, saying the two Ministry of Municipal Affairs advisors "prompt us to get our minds going but we have to come up with the proposals."

Community centre

All the world may be a stage, but does the community centre need one? Right now the stage has been dismantled as the new floor is installed and Vos questioned whether it should be put back up. Repairs are needed – costs have not yet been researched – and there would be more room if the stage wasn't there.

One of the main concerns was where to put the judo mats which are currently stored under the stage. There are 32 mats weighing 100 pounds each. Anne Costeloe, who runs the program with her husband Ron Muirhead, responded to suggestions the number of mats be cut in half by saying 32 mats are necessary to provide a safe environment.

Between 20 and 30 children attend the weekly club gatherings. "Glamorgan has had the benefit of excellent instruction and top rate equipment at no cost to the municipality," Costeloe says, and the program reaches children who aren't involved in other activities.

"(But) it doesn't make sense to have a stage for storage," said Viner. Vos suggested moving the seniors club cupboard to make room for the mats.

Meanwhile, council will store the old stage for a few months before it decides whether to re-install it. It wants to see whether there are benefits to having the extra space, with the possibility of renting a stage for such things as the school Christmas concert.

The official opening of the upgraded community centre is Saturday, April 13 at 2 p.m..

Dysart says it formally didn't ask MacDuff to remove geese

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He said he removed them "as a favor" to the municipality and because he likes geese and wanted to look after them.

An experienced wildlife handler, MacDuff has a large pond on his property where he previously kept two swans and two South African geese which summer at Rotary park.

He told the court he intended to remove the seven geese from the pen he had built for them so they could live freely on his property.

Under questioning by the crown, MacDuff said he had no intention of killing or eating the geese and that he had not clipped their wings to make it impossible for them to migrate.

"I'm guilty of taking the geese. I did do that. But nowhere in my mind did I think I was doing anything wrong. The municipality asked me to do something. (Now) they can't recall talking to me," said MacDuff.

In a Jan. 12 letter submitted as evidence by MacDuff's counsel, Dysart reeve Murray Fearrey says he was aware MacDuff had removed the geese, but does not specifically say the municipality asked him to do so.

Fearrey says the municipality was under the impression MacDuff held the proper licence to collect geese and that "there was no intention on the municipality's part or Mr. MacDuff's to do anything illegal."

Despite the fact that he may have mistakenly thought otherwise, the licence MacDuff held did not give him the right to capture geese, said crown attorney Glass.

MacDuff's avicultural permit, which he had held for the past 10 years, allowed him to keep and trade migratory birds with others holding the same licence.

But to take migratory birds from the wild, he would have needed to get a "collecting permit" from the Canadian Wildlife Service, Glass said.

Judge Whetung said he believed the municipality had approached MacDuff about its goose problem at Head Lake because it is known in the community that he has "an expertise" with birds.

However, the collecting of migratory birds is governed by federal not municipal law, he said.

He told MacDuff it was his responsibility to know the limitations of the permit he held.

"These geese belong to all of us. They're migratory. You have no right to take those birds for your personal possession," he said. "... Ignorance of the law is no excuse."

Judge Whetung said the crown was "not undue" in asking that MacDuff pay a substantial fine, but he was willing to reject the request in view of his personal circumstances.

He said he wanted MacDuff's punishment not only to deter him from illegally collecting geese again, but also to warn others not to do the same.

Ironically, MacDuff's sentence could see him again trying to rid Head Lake of geese.

Crown attorney Glass told the court there is a special permit Dysart may be able to obtain to control migratory birds that are causing damage.

As a condition of his community service, Judge Whetung ruled that MacDuff must work with the municipality to solve its goose problem, should it be able to get the permit.

If it can't, MacDuff will be ordered to perform some other form of community service as dictated by his parole officer.

More than a dozen supporters accompanied MacDuff at his court appearance.

Park Lane apartment resident Max Strang, who was called as a witness for the defence, testified the proliferation of geese at Head Lake continually foul the walkways and lawns surrounding the apartment complex.

Reading from a July 11 letter he wrote to The Echo regarding the charges laid against MacDuff, he told the court: "It seems a shame that this man is being solely charged as a criminal for doing something that has removed a source of nuisance for so many ..."

MacDuff faced a maximum penalty of up to six months in jail and a fine of \$50,000.

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Bat dung dilemma raises a stink at VSS

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

An infestation of bats may be gone from Victoria Street School, but the furry fliers have left behind an unpleasant reminder of their summer stay.

A large build-up of bat dung — or guano — in the walls at the school is causing an odor so foul that it has temporarily forced a class of Grade 1 students from their room into a portable.

A mild spell a couple weeks ago, accompanied by torrential rains, caused a rancid cocktail of guano and runoff from melting ice on the roof to seep through the walls in the classroom.

"As a precaution we decided it would be best to move the students," said business administrator Jim Bradley. "There was an empty portable so we figured why not use it."

Victoria Street School has long been a favourite of haunt of bats.

But in the summer, the board took steps to rid the old building of the nocturnal creatures.

Bradley, who earned himself the nickname "Batman" from some of his board colleagues, called in a firm to trap and remove the unwanted intruders.

All of the bats that had taken up residency at the school were

caught and released in a remote location and all possible entry holes were plugged.

Bradley said the pest control firm also disinfected the areas where the bats had been living.

However, the guano-packed walls went undetected — until the thaw.

And the pungent problem could be a costly one to solve, said board director Brad Saunders.

He told trustees at the board's meeting on Tuesday workers would have to open up the walls from the outside to remove the bat droppings to avoid contaminating the interior of the school.

"If you get into a solution of that nature, obviously you're looking at a significant expenditure," he said.

Since the board is hoping to abandon VSS for a brand new primary level school in September 1997, it is faced with "a conundrum" in trying to decide whether to spend money to fix the odor problem, said Saunders.

But should the dung dilemma persist, tearing open the walls is "something the board will seriously have to look at," he said.

In the meantime, the sodden walls of the affected classroom are drying out and the odor appears to be fading away, said

Bradley.

The board has put up vapor barrier to hold back the musty moisture, he said.

In the past, the school has frequently suffered odor problems,

usually during mild weather.

Until this most recent round of smells surfaced, the board believed the unpalatable fumes arose from the sewage system stacks on the roof of the school's

one-storey addition.

Extending the stacks, to guide the odors away from the second storey of the main school building, seemed to help, said Bradley.



TEACHER TEAM WORK: Teachers from Haliburton's school board gathered at J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School for two PA days last week. Here, a group of educators carries out an exercise during a seminar on student portfolios. The portfolios, already being used in Scarborough schools, compile a selection of a student's work in a single course, or in several courses, throughout the year. Pictured above are (from left): Mike Darlington, Brenda Callaghan, Rosalie Howard, Jim Milne, Sarah Munro, Chris Johnson and Ray Johnson.

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A familiar lesson in economics

Board budget minus grants equals tax hikes, says business head

by **PETER DOWNS**
Staff Reporter

Haliburton County Board of Education business administrator Jim Bradley put down his calculator one evening recently and picked up a teacher's pointer to lead a lesson on assembling a school board budget for anyone who cared to listen.

His pupils were 14 members of the public, including fed up taxpayers, parents with kids in the school system, one municipal reeve (Elva Bates from Glamorgan), the county's administrator (Ross Rigney) and an elementary school principal (Judy Tomlinson-Ross from Victoria Street School).

At 14 to one, the pupil-teacher ratio (PTR) of the class was slightly lower than the board's average PTR, but much higher — meaning more cost-effective — than last year's budget class when only three pupils turned up.

But Bradley's lesson was pretty much the same: Shrinking provincial funding makes it very difficult for the board not to hike taxes without reducing the quality of education the board offers.

"Grants are the animal that is killing us," Bradley told his class.

The board itself has not increased its expenditures greatly over the past three years, but has had to pass on tax increases to make up for lost revenues, he said.

The board's budget in 1995 was \$17.3-million, an increase of about \$900,000 from 1993 when it was \$16.4-million. The 1995 budget represents an increase of almost \$3.5-million from its 1990 budget of \$13.8-

million.

Tapping away with his pointer at a graph shown on an overhead projector, Bradley explained that the board has seen its provincial funding reduced by more than 50 per cent over the past six years.

In 1990, the board received a grant of about \$4.5-million from the province, representing 32.4 per cent of its \$13.8-million budget.

Last year, the province granted the board about \$2.2-million, or 12.5 per cent, of its \$17.3-million budget.

For the coming year it is still unclear exactly how much funding the board will lose, though it certainly will lose something.

In November the province announced it would cut transfers to school boards by about 10 per cent, or \$400-million, for 1996-97.

Because approximately 80 per cent of the board's budget is

spent on staff salaries and benefits, the board has little room to trim spending to absorb the cuts, said Bradley.

"Then why not just roll back teachers' salaries?" asked a couple of the pupils.

Audience member Mike Kitcheman said it is "blatantly obvious" the only place the board can cut its budget to achieve significant savings is by reducing teachers' salaries.

"In a county where the average salary is between \$16,000 and \$18,000," he said, it would not be unreasonable to ask teacher's who make "an inordinate amount of money" to take a pay cut, he said.

Sounds simple, but not so easy to carry out, said board director Brad Saunders.

While everything is negotiable, teachers' salaries and benefits are dictated by collective bargaining agreements between the board and the teach-

ers' unions.

Haliburton has consciously maintained teachers' salaries that are comparable to boards across Ontario because it wants to attract the best teachers it possibly can, said Saunders.

The province has said it will give school boards new "tools" to absorb the upcoming cuts without passing them on to taxpayers, which may include new bargaining powers that could affect teachers' salaries and benefits.

Both Saunders and Bradley said they are eagerly waiting to find out what's going to be in the board's new tool kit.

Bradley pointed out the board has already been able to achieve substantial savings over the past few years by increasing the PTR in county classrooms.

Student enrolment at the board's eight schools has risen by 342 since 1990 when there were 2,038 students to a total of 2,380

at the beginning of the school year.

At the same time the board's teaching staff has decreased by four positions to the equivalent of 146.75 full-time teachers in 1995 from 150.7 in 1990.

In 1995, the PTR was 16.2:1 compared to 13.5:1 in 1990.

"If we had used the same PTR from 1990 in 1996, we would have had to add 30 teachers," Bradley noted.

One man attending Bradley's economics lesson suggested further savings could be found by chopping the number of trustees down from its current 15.

But Jackie Mayhew, a member of the Victoria Street School Parent Advisory Committee, came to the defence of the trustees, arguing they earn "a pittance" for the hours they put in at committee meetings.

She recommended the board and the county merge their library system's to save money and cut out the duplication of services they offer.

Saunders said the board would be speaking with the county, various municipalities and other groups and institutions in the community to see whether they can co-operate in any way to do their jobs better together at less expense.

Kitcheman told board members he understands the tight position they are in, but urged them not to download anymore grant cuts onto the taxpayers.

"The well has gone dry. We cannot afford another tax increase," he said "... What I'm seeing here is that we've got one hell of a problem and hopefully we don't have to take it to the taxpayers again."

Board reschedules budget meeting

by **PETER DOWNS**
Staff Reporter

Haliburton's school board has changed the date of a special budget meeting it was planning to hold on Feb. 19 to Feb. 27.

Board officials hope the switch will allow them to have information on hand regarding the much-anticipated "tool kit" the province will give them to deal with grant cuts for the coming year.

Board director Brad Saunders said Minister of Education John Snobelen is expected to give boards the details of the new tools they will have to cope with shrinking government funding some time between Feb. 12 and Feb. 15.

Rescheduling the budget meeting, which is open to the public, will give the board more time to consider how the tools will affect its upcoming financial picture.

A draft proposal of the board's budget for the coming year will be presented at the meeting, which will take place at 7 p.m. at the high school's seminar room, immediately prior to the board's regular monthly meeting.

After the board discusses the proposed budget, it will be examined further by its committees before a final budget is proposed for approval by the board at a future meeting.

Business administrator Jim Bradley said the board likely won't hear how much it will receive from the province for the coming fiscal year until late March.

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Winter Harvest

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

AT WAVERLEY Brook Farm, there's no such thing as a mistake.

There are just some rather unconventional opportunities to put fresh vegetables on the dinner table.

Since December, Godfrey and Jean Schicklin Tyler have been harvesting vegetables from their Community Shared Agriculture (CSA) garden in Donald. Christmas dinner included some Brussels sprouts picked that morning and they've also enjoyed kale and cabbage. (They hope they can dig into some carrots once they find them under the snow but the broccoli heads are too small to make all the snow removal practical.)

It's almost the same thing as going to the freezer only this time, Mother Nature is providing the refrigeration for free.

In part, this winter harvest was planned. "Vegetables like kale and broccoli are better after a frost," the Tylers say. So this year, after the summer harvest, they planted again, planning to harvest the second crop after the first good frost in November. But instead of frost, the Highlands got snow and then more snow and the vegetables were just left there.

Rather than put an end to their experiment, the deep and early snow turned out to be a blessing in disguise. The snow insulated the ground and protected the vegetables from wind and foraging animals. The vegetables stopped growing, but the snow prevented them from rotting. Because they're frozen, they're not suitable for store sales, and

there is a bit of spoilage. Yet as long as you quickly put them in the freezer or have them for dinner that day, they taste as good as the ones you pick in summer.

In other years, Mother Nature might not be as helpful and the Tylers will have to do a bit more of the work by covering the second harvest with hay or another protective cover.

The vegetables are available to members of the Highland Harvest CSA. With the new year, the Tylers are also looking for new CSA members. It works like this: members buy either full or half shares, which entitles them to, not surprisingly, a share of the produce that's grown at Waverley Brook Farm. Last year, 5.5 tons of vegetables were harvested, everything from herbs to pumpkins and beets to tomatoes. All in all there were 35 varieties of fruits, vegetables, herbs and ornamentals, which the shareholders could pick up once a week from June to October. The Tylers use "biodynamic natural methods" to show a commitment to healthy land, food and people.

Full- and half-shareholders are also expected to volunteer 14 hours of work over the year. There are "cottage shares" at \$30 a week for a minimum of four weeks and "support shares" at \$50 for a reduced rate for purchase of individual produce. All shareholders can take part in education-

al, social and ecological programs and will receive a newsletter and recipes.

Last year was the first year for the Highland Harvest CSA but Jean was involved with similar projects in her former hometown of Kalamazoo.

Shareholders also enjoyed a harvest potluck dinner and there was a children's program of weekly nature walks, gardening, stories, crafts and play.

A new idea for this year may be a cold storage area, since not everyone has enough room to store their vegetables over the winter. Jean is thinking about hosting a day when people could get together to preserve their harvest in cans or for the freezer (the indoor type.)

For more information, call the Tylers at 457-2214.

At the Tylers' farm in Donald, they have vegetables fresh from the garden – even in the middle of winter



A family that gardens together...



Dressed a little more warmly than most gardeners, young Samuel Tyler surveys the Brussel Sprouts which had been buried under the snow and are now ready to be boiled for dinner. At left, he joins his parents, Jean and Godfrey, as they uncover some green kale. Although this isn't quite what the Tylers expected when they planted a second crop last summer, Mother Nature has given them a few pleasant surprises

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New x-ray machine puts hospital's patients first

Community's contributions take hospital into the modern world

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

Thanks to modern technology, the new x-ray machine at the Haliburton Hospital puts people first.

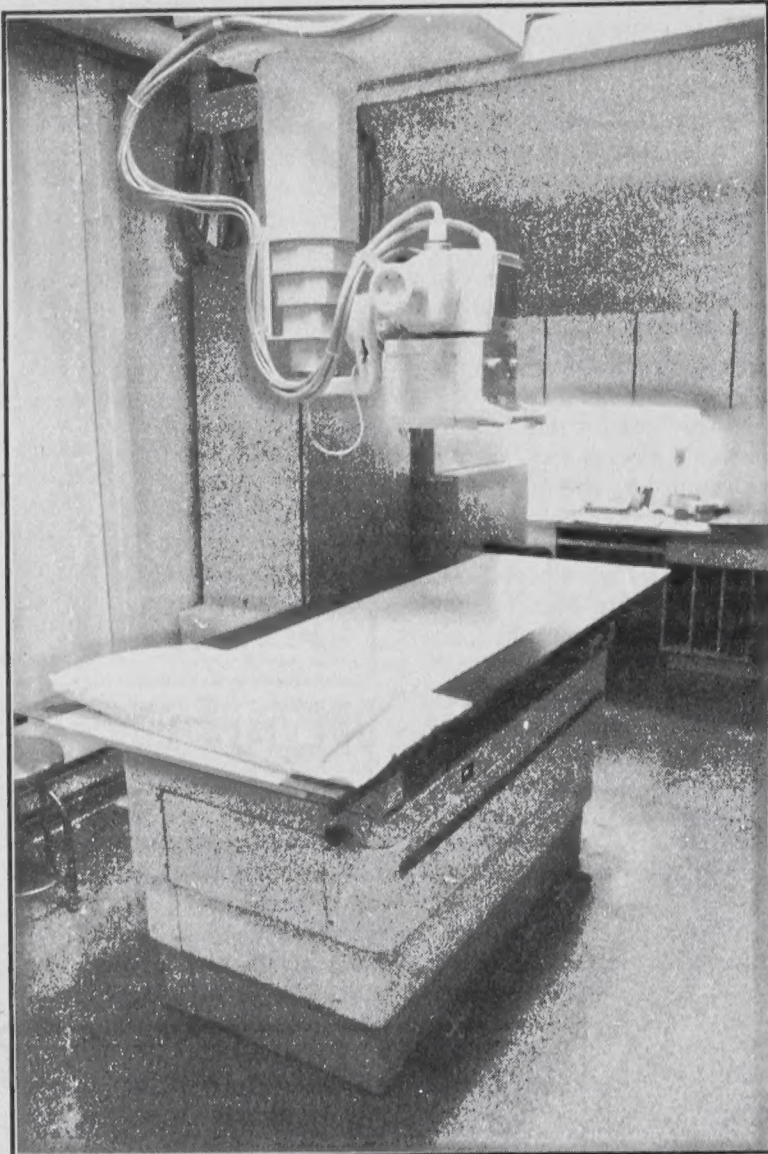
For patients, the primary feature is that the x-ray machine can move about in search of the perfect image. This is especially beneficial because the people who need the x-ray are often in a great deal of pain — pain which is made much

With the new machine, patients can stay on the stretcher or in their wheelchair instead of being transferred to the x-ray bed.

worse by even the slightest movement. The machine's manoeuvrability helps the patient avoid any unnecessary discomfort.

With the new machine, patients can stay on the stretcher or in their wheelchair instead of being transferred to the x-ray bed. But if they do have to get on the x-ray bed, it can be raised or lowered, making it much easier to get off and on.

And because of the computer



technology, the chances of getting the perfect image the first time are much higher, cutting down on the number of repeat visits.

For the three radiological technologists who share duties at the Haliburton Hospital, the new machine brings them into the modern world. The old

COMMUNITY EFFORT:

The new x-ray machine at Haliburton Hospital makes life easier for patients, as well as hospital staff. The machine's manoeuvrability helps patients avoid any unnecessary pain during x-rays. They can now stay in their wheelchairs or on stretchers, rather than being transferred to the x-ray bed. Radiological technologists at the hospital are glad to be rid of the old, temperamental x-ray machine they previously used. The new machine's computer technology also greatly increases their chances of getting perfect images the first time.

machine was cumbersome, awkward and temperamental. Many of its parts didn't work any more and it was almost a science to know how to adjust

to various people's weights and needs.

The new machine, which was designed and built by GE (General Electric), is not only "user friendly", says radiological technologist Judy O'Connell, but it's also better for the environment. The old machine required chemicals to develop the images; this one is all computerized. Special sensors tell the technologists when they have a good image, and the much of the work can be done on a computer board.

The things which make the new machine conducive to the patients' wellbeing are also beneficial to the technologists. They don't have to put strain on their backs shifting patients; all they do is move the x-ray, which follows along a track and is easy to raise up or down, or move the bed with the use of some foot pedals.

When the new x-ray machine was installed just before Christmas, the entire x-ray room got a new facelift, making it much brighter and open (even though the new x-ray actually takes up more space.)

The open house on Wednesday is the hospital's way of saying thank you to the community. The new machine and the renovations cost \$150,000 and none of the money came from the govern-

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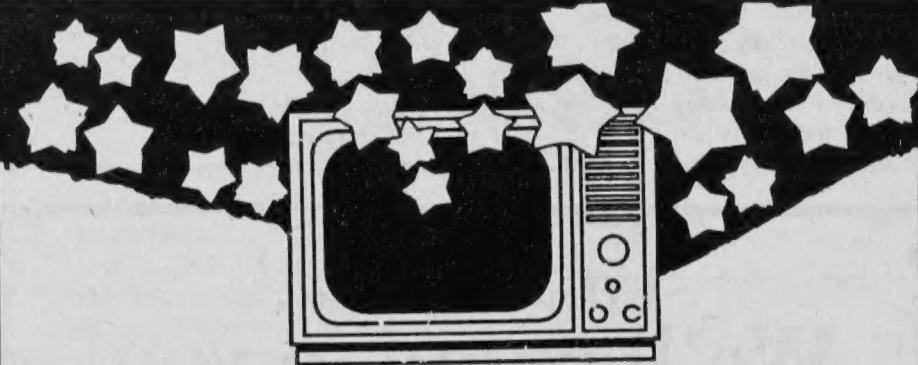
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Open house a way to thank donors

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also been very important in reaching the goal.

"Every little bit helps," says Treasurer Hilda Sealey, who appreciates all donations large and small. It took a lot of bake sales and raffles to raise the entire amount and many groups - such as the Haliburton UCW and Parklane Apartment residents - have been consistently helpful since the Auxiliary began saving for the machine in 1987.

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by JACK HILL

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Then please take care I beg of you,

There'll be a storm 'ere week is through.
When sky is red at break of day,
The sailor turns his face away,
And battens down and trims his sails,
Preparing for the coming gales.
But when at eve the sky is red,
A smile across his face is spread.
He knows for sure, at end of night
The sun will shine, with breezes light.
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You hear the haunting cry of loons,
Then it's for sure, or did you know
That on the morrow, strong winds will blow?
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But when in Fall you see them
Four feet off the ground,
The coming snow will be very deep -
And this is true I've found.
And now, to end this homily -
Think positive, we are told,
Negative's worse than anything,
Held true from days of old.
But there are times when things go wrong
And infirmities abound,
When winter's long and dreary and cold
And work cannot be found.
When news on radio and TV
Is enough to make you think
The world is going down the drain
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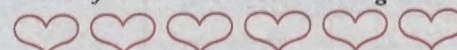
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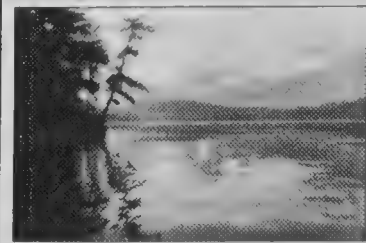
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Editorial

A foul situation

Into every life a little rain must fall...
But what about all the other stuff?

In this week's Echo there are two stories about the unpleasant problems of guano. Whether it's the droppings from geese or the droppings from bats, Haliburton has a rather smelly and gooey mess on its hands.

Who'd have thought bats could create so much guano that a classroom at Victoria Street School would have to be closed? The bats had been removed from the old red brick school last summer, but unbeknownst to anyone except the students in the class these past few weeks, the bats left a rather massive calling card. With the January thaw's watery run off, the guano lodged in the walls became water logged – and smelly. Because the classroom has been rendered inoperable during wet seasons, this will be a very expensive problem to fix.

At least the bat problem hasn't reached the same magnitude as the goose problem. Try to imagine a scenic stroll through Head Lake Park where you have to spend all your time looking at the ground instead of up at the lake and trees and flowers. There's so much guano from the geese that stretching out a blanket for a summer picnic requires as much dexterity as a game of hopscotch. Where can you go where the geese haven't been before you? Although Haliburton village is a tourist spot, many people shun the beach right in the middle of town because of the goose droppings on the dock and beach. Swimmer's itch can also be attributed to the rain washing goose droppings into the lake. The geese may be nice to look at as they drift along the shore or rest under the trees, but they've created a very real and very bothersome public nuisance. A solution must be found.

Last spring, one of the solutions seemed to be removing the geese, whose burgeoning population is in part due to the fact the geese often forego their annual pilgrimage south because they know they will be fed in Haliburton throughout the year. Why expend so much energy on flight when the living is relatively easy – except during the cold snap such as the one which hit last week. And Haliburton is such a safe haven because of the absence of predators. In a built-up area, you don't have the animals which enjoy a good goose dinner, and not just at Christmas. No one hunts in a village and besides that, as local naturalist Ron Lawrence explains, an agreement with the United States forbids any tampering with goose populations (so hunters can shoot them on the journey south.) As a result of being fed by well-meaning residents and being artificially protected from predators, the geese do not follow any natural law to keep their own populations in check. And they are definitely not the spotted owl of Haliburton County.

To many people of the village, Brad MacDuff was a modern-day Pied Piper when he removed seven geese from Head Lake last spring. In the eyes of the law, however, he's a criminal. At last week's court hearing in Minden, the Gooderham resident was given what to many seems an overly harsh sentence. MacDuff admits to removing the geese, but that was only to take them to a pond behind his home, where they could defecate to their heart's content and no one would complain. He has a licence to keep the geese, but apparently, that licence does not extend to removing them. As well, there's a bit of a difference of opinion as to whose idea the removal was. MacDuff says the municipality of Dysart et al asked him to do it because the geese were such a problem. Dysart says no, we didn't ask, but we knew he was doing it and agreed with the action. However, even the judge said he believes MacDuff had been asked to remove the geese.

Not that anyone would like Dysart to suffer the consequences, but it seems unfair that all the punishment is resting on MacDuff's shoulders. His licence has been taken away, he has to do 50 hours of community work and worst yet, he's under probation for 18 months. What's he going to do – phone his probation officer every month and swear he hasn't been near a goose or any other migratory bird, other than to watch them fly overhead in the spring migration? All this for an act which had broad public support, and no matter which way you look at it, had the blessing of Dysart et al. As the story says, the final irony is that MacDuff's 50 hours of community service must be spent helping Dysart get rid of the geese in some legal manner. **M.P.**



Outlet Bay, Drag Lake

by Len Pizze

Letters to the Editor

SIRCH responds to article

To the Editor:

There is both inaccurate and misleading information in your "Taking Control" article of January 30.

1. The "vast majority" of clients of the Haliburton County Counselling Centre were not at the meeting at Hyland Crest January 20 - fewer than 10 of about 170 clients served annually (6%) were there;

2. SIRCH has not "run out of money for this fiscal year", not for the Counselling Centre nor for any of its other programs. We currently employ at the Counselling Centre, a coordinator, two therapists, one commu-

nity support worker and the Centre is open for business;

3. Your headline "counselling centre no longer with SIRCH" is not true. The Counselling Centre will continue to provide services even when the funds discussed on Friday are divested. We, along with District Health Council and consumers, will be exploring other potential sponsors for the services for the seriously mentally ill, but meanwhile counselling to those individuals and their families will also be available through the Counselling Centre.

People have asked me on numerous occasions why The Echo appears to impugn SIRCH

at any given opportunity. Surely responsible journalism includes objectivity and credit where credit is due. Many services would not be available to this community if it were not for SIRCH, its board, volunteers and staff - support to those with a life-threatening illness, support to parents and to special needs children, emergency housing for abused women and their children, respite care, 24-hour crisis assistance, and, as well, the counselling services that have been in place for the past five years.

Gena Robertson,
Executive Director

Mulroney has zero credibility

To the Editor:

Re: The Mulroney lawsuit:

As a taxpayer who will be required to pay my share of the \$50 million if he wins his case, I have a vested interest in the outcome. Therefore, I can only hope that the lawyers for the RCMP and the Justice

Department will use the logical defence argument that one cannot further sully the reputation of someone who already has zero credibility (witness the last election), and whose integrity and moral virtue have been

questioned in a widely distributed publication - "On the Take".

G. V. Geary,
R.R. 2, Haliburton

Police say thanks for help

To the Editor:

Last weekend the OPP were called upon to deal with the tragedy which occurred on Twelve Mile Lake. Incidents such as this are always difficult to deal with. As an organization we stretch our resources and call upon others for assistance.

I originally sat down to send notes of appreciation to individuals and organizations who assisted us. As I tried to make a

list I realized that we had received help from every aspect of the community.

On the night of the drownings the sole survivor broke into an unoccupied cottage to call for help. We eventually set up our temporary operations post there. The owner and his neighbours welcomed us. The firefighters and ambulance attendants went above and beyond what should be expected of them as well.

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Special thanks to Stanhope Rds.

To the Editor:

A special thank you:

We would like to give a special thank you to the Stanhope Roads Department for keeping our roads plowed and sanded where required and needed. A job well done!

The Dron Family,
Stanhope

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A case of TV withdrawal



NORTHERN
LIGHTS

Virginia Muenzel

I'M SUFFERING from a slight case of withdrawal. Nothing like when you quit smoking, drinking or using drugs, but, never-the-less, some pangs associated with breaking a long-time habit.

We gave away the TV on January 29. I've wanted to do it for years. We were both addicted. It's so easy, so mind numbing, and we've always been so tired in the evenings. Ed goes to work at 5 a.m. I usually get up around 6 a.m. By the time supper was over, we'd just flop in front of the tube for the evening.

Ed never actually saw much television. He mostly snored in front of it. Which was one of his problems. He would often catch two or three hours sleep, sitting up on the couch before he went to bed. Consequently, he was sometimes wide awake at the glorious hour of 2 or 3 a.m. He was coming home with blood-shot eyes, totally wasted by 2 p.m.

I had my own TV induced problems. My body tries to hibernate after Christmas. I've been sure that the 'tube' was a great contributor to that phenomenon. I got to where I didn't want to go out the door. It's not that I watch soaps. They're too depressing, and frankly, quite a disgusting role model for family life. But my body habitually slows down at 3 p.m., so I start-

ed watching Montel Williams, which is certainly not an uplifting program. I was always tired when I made supper. Sometimes to the point of grumpiness. I would walk in the door from shopping, or an evening out, or back from vacation, and turn on the television. This is so embarrassing to admit. But, like all other reforming users, I have to publicly admit that I am a television addict.

I had this in mind when we got into the Scottish Dancing group. We've dusted off the board games, and if we ever get a decent Tuesday, we'll try euchre at the West Guilford Centre. Maybe we'll even take evening walks.

It's day three. I've finished the Alice Munro book Sheila gave me for Christmas. But I'm already noticing subtle changes. The last couple of nights, I stayed on my feet, doing odds and ends until around 9 p.m. Things I didn't have to do the next morning. Tuesday, I managed four hours on the loom and two hours shovelling snow without crashing on the couch.

Ed has spent the last two evenings looking through his wood magazines, catalogues, seed books. He's still very sleepy, but then he's been dealing with that mountain of snow, and frozen pipes at work, plus another mess of snow at home. It's going to take some time.

Tonight will be my big test. It's Thursday, e.r. night. If all else fails, I can always dig into the bookcase for my 'Clan of the Cave Bear' series. That ought to hold me until spring.

More Letters to the Editor

Kudos for Snowarama

To the Editor:

I want to congratulate the Haliburton Rotary Club and its 80 Snowarama participants for raising \$16,000 for Easter Seals. That may belong in the sports section as far as The Echo is

concerned, but in my books, it deserves front page coverage. Way to go sledders and Rotarians from far and wide!

Wanda Evans,
West Guilford

Trails are 'simply wonderful'

The following letter was sent to Brian Watts, President, Haliburton County Snowmobile Association.

Dear Brian:

Having had the opportunity to ride quite a few miles of our trails this past week we would like to ask you to please pass on our sincere congratulations to your network of volunteer

groomers. The trails have never been so good, they are simply wonderful, all of them.

We realize the many hours they loyal volunteers put in and they have done us all proud, we will be the talk of the province next week after the many visitors to our Winterfest. Thank you!

Don and Joan Cameron,
Haliburton

People always ready to help police

from page 12

Local businesses, individuals and Community Policing groups brought us food, coffee and hot chocolate. The officers from outside of the area were amazed.

I was very impressed by the fact that everyone there seemed to want to help. The media people showed consideration for the feelings of the families of the

victims. We realize that you have a job to do and thank you for your consideration.

As the commanding officer of the Minden Detachment, I would like to thank all of those people who lend a hand when we need it. You always seem to be there.

Dennis Edlington,
Staff Sergeant #4742



Pic of the Past

This week's Pic of the Past takes us to "chicken lane" in Irondale. The boys are John and Ray Flood and the twin

girls are their cousins, Myrtle and Sylvia Madill. Our thanks to Mary Ferns of Irondale for sharing the photo with us.

Memories of many kitchen floors



DOWN OUR
ROAD

Sharon Lynch

Leah hesitated where she stood, unsure why she had walked into the kitchen. Still half asleep, she waited for her head to clear the foggy tendrils of a deep winter's night. Coffee. That was it. She had set out to turn on the coffee machine. Walking across the floor in her bare feet, Leah felt the cold air reach up past her ankles. This simple single sensation touched off a string of memories.

Suddenly she was back in an earlier house, making her way across a much colder kitchen floor to the small wood stove that waited in the corner. It was part of the morning routine to warm the house before the children rose. Even with her feet clad in moccasins, Leah was aware of the thin tile's frigid temperature. The cold kitchen floor reminded her of that cold solitude and the smell of wood smoke.

Now, her bare toes curled in protest, she waited for enough coffee to seep into the pot so she could pour herself a mug full. Then, taking the aromatic brew

over to the table, she tucked her feet up onto one of the chairs by the warm air duct and settled down to more reverie. As the coffee helped her to wake up, Leah gazed out over the frozen lake, a line of pink outlined against the darkly pine hills.

She was travelling back to more kitchen floors. Once started, the images tumbled one after another through her head. There was the smoothly slopping linoleum floor of the farmhouse. It had a faintly oily smell and an odd colour mixture of green, black and pink that was as faded as the old quilt tucked into the cot by the ice box. On warm summer afternoons Leah would run into the dark cool kitchen for a glass of lemonade. After the stabbly ground outside, walking on the linoleum floor was like dipping her feet into the brook down by the cedars.

Then she recalled a different cool smoothness, the rounded textured feel of stained boards that was the cottage floor for years, even in the kitchen. She'd try to run across it without stopping to dry her feet. But the wooden boards gave her away, the damp imprints of her feet with flicks of sand, staring back at her when she turned to check for tracks. On the rare occasion that she had dry feet when she walked across the old floor, it still felt slightly pebbly. It was

as though no matter how many times her mother swept it, the sand and grit of a thousand summers kept seeping back onto the boards as though by magic.

Returning to the city after the summers meant returning to the city kitchen's floor. She would stand in this place of gleaming surfaces, chrome and enamel meeting her eyes at every angle. Kicking off her sandals, she would look down at her brown toes against the white kitchen floor, untouched by human feet for two months. The feet did not look like hers. They belonged to another girl who lived in another place.

The house smelled closed-up and dusty but the kitchen was different. Its white floor was clean, too clean really, waiting for something to happen to bring it back to life. Then the rest of the family would clamour in dragging suitcases, dogs and sandy beach towels and the moment would have passed.

Leah drained the last of her coffee, returning to the present. Looking out at the clear winter morning, she knew it was going to be another beautiful, cold day. The floor still felt cold, but Leah did not mind. If she had not felt the cold, she would not have remembered those other, half-forgotten floors. And Leah liked to remember.

Boonieville

by Charlie Telford





Novice B's win two, head for playoffs

by GINNY HEMING

WOW! What a season it has been so far for the Novice B Huskies! They have played 26 games and have won 20. While it has been exciting to watch it must be exhilarating for these boys to play. Their humorous dressing room antics follow them to the ice where this companionship is displayed as teamwork. Each one of these boys has on numerous occasions set up a scoring opportunity for a teammate, instead of trying to be a "solo act" prevalent on many teams today.

This past week the Huskies played in Sunderland and Wilberforce and came away victorious both times.

In the game against Sunderland the boys stayed focused on their game despite the diesel fumes that kept robbing them of oxygen! The defensive foursome of Abbs, Burke, Chumbley, and Fick were awesome as they rarely let the puck out of Sunderland's end, and shot some of the finest wrist shots from the point. The offensive lines of Espie, Judge, Sharpley, Heming, Roswell, and Trueman, were digging, digging,

Team enjoys a terrific season

digging, and backchecking, backchecking, backchecking. Overall the team as a whole had one distinct strategy that was flawless - pass, pass, shoot, and score! And, quietly, yet ever watchful, stood the Husky goaltender, Jeff McKenna, always managing to spring into action when needed.

Final score, Haliburton 8, Sunderland 3.

Haliburton points were picked up by: Adam Trueman 1 goal, 4 assists; Nick Judge 2 goals, 2 assists; Calvin Roswell with a

hat trick; Shawn Heming 1 goal, 2 assists; Kyle Espie 1 goal, 1 assist; and, Nick Chumbley and Jonathan Sharpley with 1 assist each.

In the Wilberforce game, Haliburton played like the champs that they are, determined to be first to the puck. They were always alert and capitalized on any opportunity they could. Backchecking by some of the Husky wingers proved to be the difference in this game as they shut down many offensive drives. The wrap around shot

was effective for three of the Huskies goals, as Rocket players scrambled in front of their net.

Jeff McKenna stood tall in the Husky net many times to keep the Rockets at bay. Thanks for the great entertainment!!

Haliburton goals were scored by: Nick Judge with a hat trick; and, Adam Trueman and Kyle Espie with 1 each. Assists were added by: Travis Burke, Shawn Heming, Justin Abbs, Jonathan Sharpley, and Nick Judge with 1 each.

The Novice Bs ended up tied

for second place with Wilberforce heading into the playoffs. Therefore the first round of playoffs will be between Haliburton and Wilberforce playing the best 4 of 7 games, while Beaverton and Mariposa deke it out in the west. The winners of these rounds will meet in the final round of playoffs. The February schedule is: Feb. 10th in Haliburton at 12:15; Feb. 11th in Wilberforce at 2:30; Feb. 17th in Wilberforce at 12:30; Feb. 18th in Haliburton at 12:30; Feb. 19th in Wilberforce at 7:30; Feb. 21st in Haliburton at 6:00; and Feb. 26th in Wilberforce at 7:30.



CLOSE WIN: Haliburton Atom C Huskies pulled off a 6-5 win against Apsley on their way to the A championship at a home tourney Saturday

PeeWees win second game in best of seven series

by LAURIE CURRY

The Haliburton Husky PeeWees came out on the ice meaning business on Tuesday night.

With their positive attitude and team playing they blew the socks off of the Beaverton Blades for their second win in a four out of seven series, winning the game 5 to 1.

Game four goes Tuesday, next home game on Friday

Goals were scored by Scot Curry assisted by Jason Woodcox and Jamie Johnston, Logan Roberts assisted by Nick Cochrane and Ryan Wood, Jeff Wilson assisted by Ryan Kirkpatrick, Nick Cochrane assisted by Scot Curry and Jamie Luck, Nick Cochrane assisted by Jamie Luck.

The Huskies will be travelling to Beaverton for game four on Tuesday night and our next home game will be Friday night at 8:30.

Hungry Atom Cs take A championship

by JANICE CHAMBERS

The Atom C Huskies tournament was a great victory for the boys in blue. Game action started bright and early Saturday against Wilberforce. The boys knew they had to be on top of things to beat this team. The Huskies played superbly. The first two periods remained scoreless. After many attempts to score, our centre Kyle Boughner and great defence Cory Poole set up the action with an eye-opening goal five minutes in the third period. Just minutes later Cory set up another beautiful goal with Joel Johnson hammering in the puck past the Rocket goalie. Wilberforce just couldn't buy a goal. Alex Frybort was hot! hot! hot! in net. The Huskies took the game 2 - 0.

Later that afternoon Apsley saw the Huskie fire. The first Haliburton goal was a beaut by the hard work and quick stick handling of Kyle. Then Kyle set up the second goal with Jeff Packard slamming in the puck. The third was a nifty pass from our captain, Adam Frybort, to Joel who saw the net. Then just seconds later Kyle took hold for a

goal his help coming from Joel and Brock Thomas. Then with five seconds left in the third period to end the game and break a tie, Jason Chambers took the draw at centre and passed to Adam, whose blistering slap shot got past the Apsley goalie, ending the game Haliburton 6 - Apsley 5.

The Huskies played their third game for the A Championship against Newcastle. This game proved to be a nail biter with Haliburton taking only one goal in the first period by Kyle with his help coming from Joel and Jeff. Newcastle tied the game early in the second and

Haliburton fought hard to take the lead. Late in the second Haliburton took the lead with a goal from Joel's quick reflexes. The boys worked extra hard to hold the lead. The third period was scoreless, leaving Haliburton with their well deserved third win and an A Championship Trophy.

Gretzky's coming to the Haliburton MHL

by MR. HOCKEY

Now that I have your attention, I would like to fill you in on the unbelievable hockey news of last week's Men's Hockey League games.

Game one had Bishop and Wilson Surveyors against the silver-handled Emmerson Lumbermen. Emmerson edged the Surveyors 7 to 5. Norm "The Duckman" Barry helped his Lumbermen with four assists, while Kevin "Baby Face" Morissette finished the night with two goals and two assists for Bishop and Wilson.

Next up saw the Youngdale Fuelmen burn up the Haliburton Lumbermen 15 to 1. The game was close until halfway through the second period (Haliburton Lumber 1, Youngdale 0), then the fuel ignited and Youngdales went into afterburn. Ron "The Sniper" Yake scored four goals to help the Fuelmen. Scoring for Haliburton Lumber was Scott Welch.

Game three featured Curry Motors and Elstone Motors battling over motor supremacy. The fans who

stuck it out were treated to the "Clammy" Show. Troy "Clammy" Crowder sniped seven goals from all over the arena. Along with Mike billings (four goals), Barry Boice (5 assists), and Crowder, Curry's pumped in 13 goals, while Elstone tallied with six. Tim "The Slasher" Hunter netted five goals to add to his total for Elstones.

The grand finale of the evening had the "Red" hot Vasey Insurance Brokers facing off against the short-handed Roberts/Austin Fuelmen. Darryl Winder of Vasey had five goals and two assists as they continued their excellent season. The final score: 12 to 9. Chris "the Honourable Member of Parliament" Hodgson had three goals and two assists in a losing effort. Next week's games start at 4:30 - why not come out and watch the fast-paced MHL.

IMPORTANT NOTICE There is an All Star Game on Saturday, February 10 at 7:00 p.m. All proceeds are being given to the 4Cs. Tickets are \$5 in advance or \$8 at door (or \$5 if you bring a non-perishable item). Last year's game was tied until the last period.

2nd Entry Atoms run hot and cold in pair of road games

by DAVE BROWN

The Huskies played two games over the weekend. The first was down in Cannington which has to have the honour of being the coldest arena in the province. One of the players mentioned he hated to skate too fast due to the wind chill.

The Cannington A team completed dominated the first period. Early into the second the Huskies failed to clear their zone and Cannington pulled to a 2 - 0 lead. Haliburton closed the gap to one with Adam Tomlinson setting up Joey Sisson who picked the corner. In the final minute of this period Cannington put in their third and final goal past the Cat to give them a 3 - 1 lead which stood for the remainder of the game. In the last 2 periods the Huskies played evenly with the Cannington team but could not find the back of the net.

On Sunday we travelled to Port Carling to meet the Bracebridge Selects. This arena was a lot 'warmer' in more ways than one. Haliburton started the game with heavy pressure around the Selects' net only to have the opposition break out and slip the puck through the Cat's pads. A couple of minutes later on a man advantage Matt Brown picked the corner on a nice feed from Justin Sharpley who was set up behind the net. The period ended tied and some rather suspect officiating began. Early in the second, Matt Brown set up Jeremy Miscio on the point whose shot was directed between the pads by Cory Sisson putting Haliburton ahead by one. With 1:07 remaining in the second, Joey Sisson beat the Select defenceman and put the big deke on their goalie for Haliburton's third goal. Once into the third period the referee started to whittle away at the Huskies, kicking out two of the Haliburton players. The bench was looking rather thin with only two players sitting there for the last half of the period. However, the players must have taken this as a challenge and continued to press the Bracebridge team. In the final minutes Joey Sisson set up Cory Sisson with a great pass. Cory slid it past the sprawling netminder to finish off the game with a 4 - 1 hard-earned victory.

There were 21 penalties in this game with Haliburton picking up 12 of them as well as having two players ejected from the game. Made for an interesting morning for the fans as well as for the coaching staff. Good work, Huskies.

Angler pulls unexpected muskie from the cold, dark depths

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

Was it a fish or a submarine?

Two days after he saw a dark shape glide past him in the water, Ernie Wherry had his answer when a seemingly pre-historic muskie stuck its head through Wherry's fishing hole on Lake Kashagawigamog.

"I had just dropped my lure in when I noticed it was going sideways," says the fisherman who's tempted to hang up his pole now that he's caught the fish of a lifetime. "It took me a while to get it in and then suddenly, there's a set of jaws and teeth staring at me. It scared the heck out of me."

Barely able to contain his excitement - and fear - Wherry secured it so he could run to a nearby phone to tell his wife, Lindsay Coates, to bring the camera. When she arrived and the fish was laid out to be measured and photographed, they were amazed to discover it was 44 inches long - almost as tall as their sons. They didn't have a scale big enough to weigh it.

As soon as the moment was recorded for prosperity, Wherry put the fish back into the water and



NOW THAT'S A FISH: Ernie Wherry says he may as well hang up his fishing pole now that he's caught this 44" muskie in Lake Kashagawigamog. (They didn't have a scale big enough to weigh the behemoth, which was released back into the lake.) With him in this photo are his sons Matthew and Andrew, along with Geoff Jones, who owns the property the Wherries use to access their fish hut.

watched it swim away. Asked why he didn't keep it, he says "besides being illegal at this time of year, this was such a noble creature. It was a beautiful animal."

Two days before he caught the muskie, he had seen it sniff at his minnow and swim by it about five

times. It reminded him of a submarine. Never did he expect to catch it.

"That was the big thrill of my life," he says, still shaking his head in wonder at the size of the fish. "I should just take my hut off the ice and burn it. I'll never catch another like it."

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Series hopes still high for Novice A's despite close games

by Walter Tose

The Novice A Huskies took a 2-0 lead in their series against Beaverton with a 3-1 win on Sunday, Jan. 28th in Beaverton. This was one of the best team efforts of the year for the Huskies. Coaches Jim Winn and Joe Roberts borrowed a trick from Pat Burns and shuffled the forward lines for this crucial game to keep the Huskies fired up and it worked. Although Beaverton took an early 1-0 lead, the Huskies proved that you have to play the full 35 minutes and 3 periods of hockey to win. The Huskies carried the play in the second and third periods and success-

fully killed 2 penalties in the middle of the third. Jesse Johnson notched 2 goals and one assist while Ross Gerry had 1 goal and 2 assists. Matthew Roberts added a pair of assists and Andy Dawson had a single assist. Congratulations to the whole team on an outstanding team effort in this game!

On Saturday, the Novice A's played an exhibition game in Little Britain against the Oshawa Canadians to keep sharp for their upcoming third game with Beaverton. The Huskies had a slow start in the first period and made a costly turnover at their own blueline one minute into the game to give the Canadians an early lead. However, they gained confidence in the second period, and controlled most of the play, even while playing short 2 men for a minute and a half. Once again, the Huskies were careless at the start of the third period, turning the puck over at their own blueline for another Canadian goal. Down 2 goals the boys from Haliburton faced a formidable challenge. To their credit, they picked up the pace and took it to the Canadians, scoring 2 goals in the third, and almost won the game in the last few minutes as time ran out. Adam Hutson had an outstanding game, making several rushes up the ice, including one which gave Brandon Bowman the Huskies first goal. Terry Bannon and Ross Gerry connected for the tying goal with just 2 and a half minutes to go in the game. The whole team had a very strong third period.

On Sunday the Huskies hosted Beaverton in the third game of their play-off series. Faced with elimination, Beaverton came up with a big game, including some outstanding goaltending and some lucky bounces. The Blades kept their hopes alive with a 6-1 win and sent the series back to Beaverton next Sunday for game 4. Brandon Bowman scored the lone goal for Haliburton on assists from Ross Gerry and Josh Brown. The Huskies were disappointed in their loss but retain full confidence that they can win the series. It will take a full team effort. They will have to stick to their game plan with smart passing, good positional play and their usual hustle and determination which has served them well up to this point in the season. Good luck on Sunday you Huskies!

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by GOLDIE FOSTER

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Repeat winners were the Rick Johnson rink from Oshawa took first place overall. From our own club, Phyllis and Russell Woodcock and Derry and Marg Wilford from Lakefield took third place overall. It may have been -30 below outside but it was a hot old time inside. Many thanks go out to Phil and Jane Myers for a job well done!

The Tournament of Hearts (ladies) being held Tuesday, February 13 at the Haliburton Curling Club, starting at 9 a.m., is now filled but all spectators are welcome.

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what's left of Nirvana pounds out 'Nevermind', while punks pogo around a ring containing mud wrestlers and in Dallas, the hot bed of hockey, Hank Snow croons 'I'm Moovin on' as cow pokes round up the herd and lead them to the abattoir! With these kinds of half-times, hockey will be number one in no time!

Hockey is number one in Wilberforce, especially on Thursday nights, as witnessed by the following.

Game one was cancelled as the Apsley team bus got lost in the fog, forfeiting an easy two points to the Haliburton Hawks.

In game two it was the Clarkson Plumbers taking on Rainbow Auto Glass. It was all Plumbers in this game as they downed the Rainbows 8 - 1. Leading the Clarksons were Jerry

(Bobby Orr) Walker with the hat trick, Joe Roberts had two, singles went to Dan Curry, Tim Chambers and Luke Schell. Bruce Fleck was the Rainbow who spoiled Kevin Finch's shutout.

Game three was between Bancroft Canadian Tire and the Wilberforce Golden Ponders. The teams headed into this game tied for second place and it was a doozy! It was 1 - 1, after one, Rolland Pelletier for the Ponders, Joe Bertoni for C.T.C. Teams again traded goals in the second, Boyd Robertson for Wilberforce, Craig Partridge for the Tiremen. The Ponders jumped ahead in the third on tallies from Bev Billings and Robertson, with his second. Canadian Tire kept battling, getting one late from Lloyd Peters but the Ponders hung on to win it 4 - 3!

The debate is on in the WOHL as to whether we should put on a half-time show for the sole purpose of drawing more fans, some find it unethical, but ladies, negotiations are currently underway with Chippendales!

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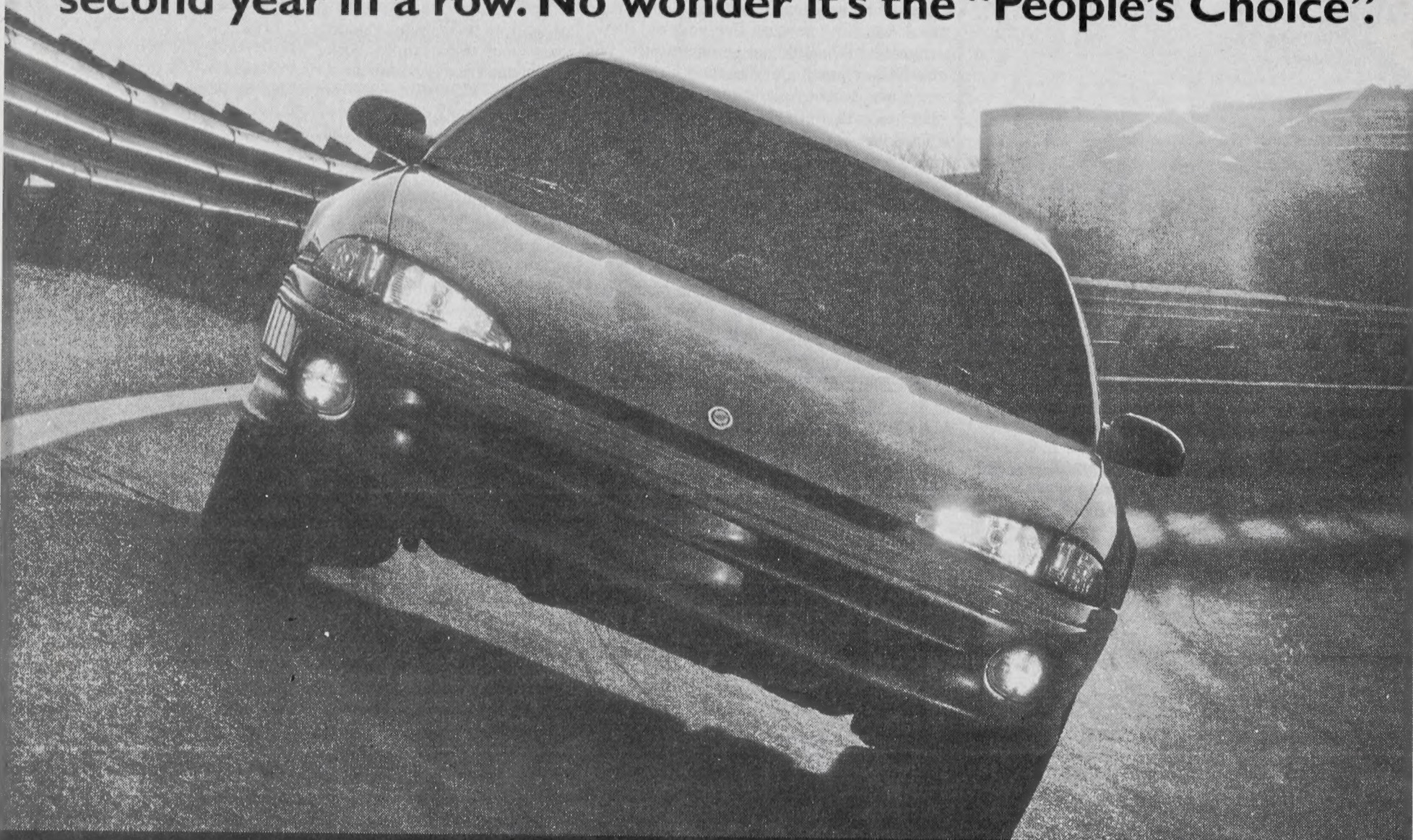
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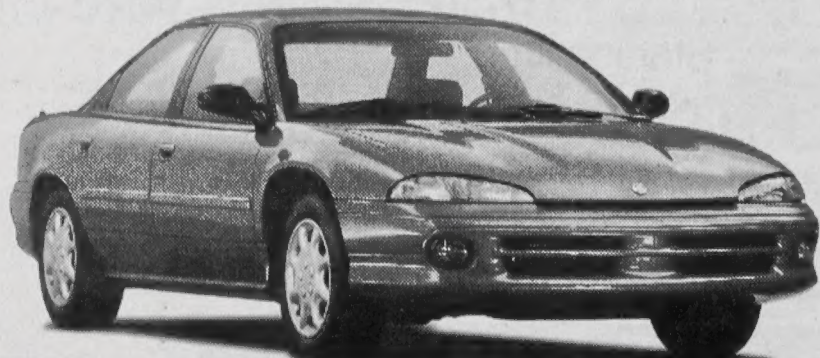
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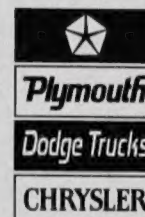
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Rockets can't be kept away from a game

by SUE CLARKSON

Neither rain nor sleet nor snow kept the Novice Rockets from their appointed game in Beaverton on Saturday, January 27. They weren't even fazed by only having one spare Rocket. In a fast-paced, end-to-end game, the boys never let up. Aaron Donaldson broke away on a pass ahead from Matt Davidson and blasted a slapshot. A bit later, Kevin Bowman made a nice pass into the slot to Josh MacKay who neatly tucked it in for a two-goal lead. The Blades pressed harder and played rougher but not beating goaltender Chris Johnston who earned a well-deserved shutout. Final score: Rockets 2 - Beaverton 0.

The Atoms followed the Novices in Beaverton. The Rockets played an excellent game outshooting the Blades 30 to 13, netting two of their efforts, though Beaverton tied us with a couple of fluky goals. Not enough can be said about the defensive efforts of Tim Covert, Matthew Reil, Tom Bates and Paul Hutchinson. The forwards obviously worked hard, but Coach Manary felt they were shooting at the goalies' pads, not the open spaces. The first goal scored was by Brandon Logan,

assisted by Tim Covert and Mitchell Clarkson. The second goal was netted by Mathew Manary from Brandon Logan.

The Rocket Tykes were hosted by Minden the same day. The Rockets were only able to ice seven players and a goalie this day and they worked hard for most of the game. The first period was full of excitement as the teams battled to a scoreless tie but by the end of the second the Monarchs were up by two goals. Shortly into the third period, Galen Bowman picked up a loose puck and was able to score on a breakaway. The whole game was end-to-end but the Rockets were just pooped by the end of the third and the Monarchs took advantage. Final score: Minden 4 - Wilberforce 1.

On January 28 the Mariposa Novice Bs were hosted by Wilberforce. It was hockey at its best with both teams making good passing plays and showing great determination. Kevin Bowman put the Rockets on the board with a beautiful pass from Josh MacKay. The visitors bounced back with a quick goal and went ahead with another just before the period ended. Kevin Bowman came through once again winning the opening face-off of period two and going down to score and tie the game.

Great defensive play and goaltending at both ends made it likely the tie would hold up, but late in the third Aaron Donaldson grabbed up a loose puck for the winner. Mariposa pulled their goalie but the Rockets held them off to win 3 - 1. Great game Rockets!

The PeeWees felt confident in their match against Sutton. There was good defensive action from Ira Arseneault, Corby Semple, Chris Peacock, Adam Clarkson, and for a short time, Ken Mott. Goaltender Joe Carey made an outstanding "scissor save" in the first. After back and forth goals, Sean Critch scored the winner with just 49 seconds left in the game. Chris Alden scored one goal and two assists, Corby Semple scored two goals, Mike Jones scored one and Ken Mott tallied an assist. Final score: Rockets 5 - Sharks 4.

The second game away this weekend for the Atom B-2 Rockets was in Manvers. Manvers was able to get two quick goals on the board within a minute early on but the Wilberforce crew would not give up - they never do. Ben DeCarlo netted the two to tie the game from Matt Manary and Paul Hutchinson and Tom Mt. Pleasant. Manvers came away with seven penalties in this

game to our one. Good work boys. Congratulations on tying or winning all your January league games.

Haliburton Atom Tourney

This was a really cold, early morning (8:00 a.m.) start as the Rockets and Haliburton started the day's tournament. By the second period, with the score tied at 0, the teams both seemed to come alive and the Rockets put on tremendous pressure. Both teams had excellent chances but no scoring occurred until the 5:27 mark of the third when the Huskies were able to notch the first of two goals. Though Haliburton took this match (making the teams tied at 3 wins apiece), it was an excellent game by both teams.

Losing your first game automatically put the team into the C and D Division. Our next competitor was Fenelon Falls. The Falcons were quick on the draw. The Rockets got on the board thanks to a nice passing play by Paul Wesley and Mitchell Clarkson to Brandon Logan for the shoot-in near the end of the first. Brandon's goal brought the team within one of a tie. The second period was still full of action but Fenelon notched another to gain a strong two-goal lead. The Rockets couldn't buy another goal if they tried in the third but even down two players due to penalties they dominated the play. The Rockets gave up in the end with Fenelon winning 5 - 1.

The boys were feeling rather down on themselves at this point and

having to wear Husky jerseys (due to colour conflicts) initially made them feel worse. It wasn't long till they started to have fun with them once landing on the ice to meet Mariposa. At the 2:09 mark of the first Ben DeCarlo scored on another good passing play between Matthew Reil and Mathew Manary, followed thirteen seconds later by another goal by Ben from Matthew Reil. Both scored while short-handed. From that point on there was no stopping them. By the second, the players were mostly back in normal positions and the game was starting to get pretty choppy. Mitchell Clarkson scored and the team was then up by three. Shortly into the third Mariposa produced a goal but even pulling the goalie at the end didn't result in any more. Final score: Rockets 3 - Mariposa 1.

Congratulations to the D Champions - Thomas Mt. Pleasant, Matthew Reil, Matthew Shaw, Mathew Manary, Paul Hutchinson, Billy Hunter, Mitchell Clarkson, Paul Wesley, Ben DeCarlo, Tim Covert and Brandon Logan. Absent due to illness this day was Tom Bates - hope you are back with us soon. Each one made outstanding plays off and on throughout these three games.



CONSOLATION CHAMPIONS: On Saturday, the Wilberforce Atoms competed in the Haliburton Tournament, and came home as C Consolation champions. Team members are, from left: Back row: Paul Wesley, Paul Hutchinson, Ben DeCarlo, Mathew Reil, Tim Covert, Matthew Shaw and Tom Bates. Front row: Tom Mtleasant, Brandon Logan, Bill Hunter, Matthew Manary and Mitchell Clarkson.

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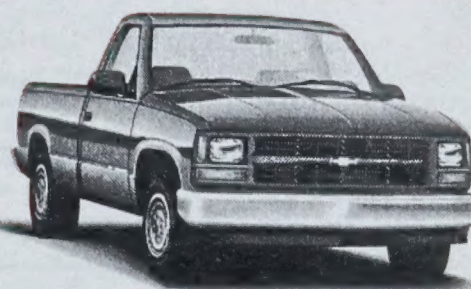
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